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Missouri is a Dumping Ground for Professional Incendiaries, Says Revelle.

STATE'S FIRE LOSS TOO BIG

Ratio in Proportion to Insurance Premiums Paid is 18 Per Cent Above Average.

Missouri has become a dumping ground for professional incendiaries as a result of the weakness of its laws, Charles G. Revelle, state superintendent of insurance, told the Commercial club.

"You may deride the existence of a so-called 'arson trust' if you please," he added. "I once was inclined to laugh at the idea but I now know that such organized bodies exist and are being driven into Missouri by the activity of the fire marshals of other states."

"The loss ratio in this state in proportion to the income of the fire insurance companies is 79.9 per cent, the greatest of any state, save Arkansas, and 18 per cent above the average for all states."

"This despite the fact that the burning record of the Nation is ten to twenty times that of any other nation on earth. Every year fire consumes property in this country of half the value of the total of new buildings for the same period. Our fire losses would pay the national debt in three years, adequately support the army and navy or the pension bill, without taking into account the economic loss through the destruction of human life."

Mr. Revelle's talk was an explanation of insurance legislation now before the legislature and a special plea for the creation of an efficient fire marshal's department. He advocated co-operation as an economic necessity in the compiling of original estimates for rate making.

Warrensburg's Costly Fire.

The collapse of a two-story building, on the second floor of which a carload of flour had been stored, started one of the worst fires Warrensburg has had in years, at 6 o'clock in the evening. The building was occupied by A. Spies, grocer, and, the flames breaking out in it, spread quickly to Doolin's grocery, Hickman's clothing store and Montgomery & Gokey's drug store, in the same block on West Pine street. The loss on buildings and merchandise is estimated at \$60,000. The work of the firemen was hindered by the intense cold and the water thrown on the buildings froze in sheets as it fell.

Dallas County Wins.

The circuit court of appeals for the Eighth district has no power, the supreme court decided recently, to establish a receivership in Dallas county, to levy and collect special taxes to meet a judgment of \$235,000 against the county in favor of David Yost on a county bond issue for railroad building in 1871. Yost alleged in the lower court that county officials had refused to make the levy and the supreme court was asked to determine the power of the circuit court.

Explosion Kills Two.

George and Noah Trusty, aged 18 and 7 years, were instantly killed and their father, Joseph Trusty, was perhaps fatally injured when the boiler in a sawmill operated by Trusty at Beverly, blew up. The force of the explosion was so great that the bodies of the two boys were literally blown to pieces.

Joplin Gets In Line.

Jitney auto bus service has been inaugurated in Joplin. Routes traveled by street cars are followed by most of the automobiles. One company plans to operate bus lines between Joplin and nearby towns that are not connected with the city by trolley.

Journalists' Week May 3.

Journalism week this year at the University of Missouri, May 3 to 7, inclusive, according to recent announcement, will have a "Made in Missouri" program. Publishers, editors, reporters, magazine writers, illustrators, cartoonists, special correspondents and representatives of other fields of journalism resident in Missouri or formerly of Missouri will constitute the speakers.

A Stricken Family.

Miss Martha Cole, a young teacher of Montgomery, died and was buried there recently. Her death was the third in the Cole family within a short time. First the mother, then the father, James Cole, died.

Killed by Nut Hull.

The hull of a hazel nut caused the death recently of John Stillwell, 19 years old, the son of James Stillwell, a farmer who lives between Oak Grove and Grain Valley in Jackson county. The boy died of pneumonia caused by a hull that went to one of his lungs when he was eating nuts.

Palmyra Woman Dies.

Mrs. H. S. Potter of Palmyra died recently. She was the wife of H. S. Potter, formerly judge of the county court.

RAID ANOTHER OLEO PLANT

St. Louis Officers Discover Trap Doors, Secret Panels and Swinging Stairways in Building.

Within less than twenty-four hours after his creamery was raided, Gus Teifenthaler of St. Louis was indicted by the federal grand jury on a charge of coloring oleomargarine without paying the required internal revenue tax. Some white oleomargarine, some colored product and coloring material taken in the raid was the evidence used against him. He was released on \$3,000 bond.

Trap doors, secret panels and swinging stairways were discovered when the revenue officers raided Teifenthaler's place. Teifenthaler had taken refuge in a cellar room, which was hidden by a trap door, and was removing his clothing when the officers took him into custody. His clothing was covered with a yellow coloring fluid. He denied that he was coloring the white product of which about 2,000 pounds were confiscated.

When the officers went into the store they found a stairway which proved to be fitted with hinges. A section of the steps, built into the wall, was lifted and disclosed a room which was used to store colored oleo.

BOOSTS MISSOURI'S DAIRIES

Milk Experts Tour Southwest Counties of State to Promote Interest Among Farmers.

A tour of the dairying communities of southwest Missouri to promote an increase in the products from dairy herds without adding to the cost to the farmer, was made recently under the direction of A. J. McDowell, dairy agent of the Frisco lines. Mr. McDowell is assisted by J. W. Watson, extension dairyman representing the state agricultural college at Columbia, and B. W. White of the Frisco department of development.

Demonstrations in milk testing and the preparing of the proper rations for dairy cattle with especial reference to the cheapest and best feed for the winter months, was given at each stop of the special car in which the tour is made. The itinerary included Seneca, Pierce City, Exeter, Cassville, Purdy, Verona, Marionville, Billings, Mount Vernon and Greenfield.

DESTROY SACRED EMBLEMS

Vandals Force Entrance to Four Carthage Churches and Ransack the Buildings.

Vandals the other night broke into four Carthage churches, ransacked the buildings and destroyed considerable property. At the Christian church the intruders evidently made merry. An empty wine bottle was found in the parlors, where it was evident they had consumed a portion of the communion bread and drank the wine.

The Catholic, Grace Episcopal and the Presbyterian edifices also were visited. At the Episcopal and Catholic churches sacred emblems were thrown about and altars were marred. Contribution boxes, hanging on the walls, were robbed.

The churches, it is said, will combine and offer a liberal reward for the arrest and conviction of the thieves.

Held Up Salisbury Depot.

A masked robber entered the Washburn depot at Salisbury, recently and knocked on the ticket window. When the window was opened by D. O. Gwinn, the night operator, the robber pointed a revolver at him and demanded all of his money. Gwinn gave him \$75 or \$80 and a pay check for \$32. Gwinn's brother, a helper in the station, was ordered to put up his hands and turn his face to the wall. The robber also forced the operator to raise his hands and turn his face to the wall. The robber then left the office.

Holds Up Woman Cashier.

While the employees of a mill were being paid off at St. Joseph a youth entered the office, pointed a revolver at the head of the young woman cashier, seized a box containing seventy-five pay envelopes and escaped in a rig he had left at the curb. He obtained more than \$1,000. Several suspects have been arrested by the police.

Girl Won Spelling Bee.

Eva Tooley, 15 years old, a student of the Bohannon District School, won the Macon County gold medal for being the best speller in a class of sixteen from all parts of the county. Each contestant represented a township. There were only three boys in the line. The match lasted all afternoon. Some of the words were very difficult.

Confess to Oleo Frauds.

Three men pleaded guilty in the federal court at St. Louis for violation of the federal law requiring the payment of a tax on colored oleomargarine. These three were the first of forty defendants to be placed on trial.

Bandits Frightened Away.

An unsuccessful attempt was made recently to rob the Miners' bank at Granby, a small town in Newton county. Two robbers, while preparing to blow the safe, were frightened away. They abandoned a kit of burglar's tools.

Early Settler Dies.

B. W. Speece is dead at Carthage. He was 85 years old and came here shortly after the war. He formerly was a merchant and was active in politics.

WILSON PICKS MEN FOR TRADE BOARD

SELECTIONS COME FROM WIDELY SEPARATED PARTS OF COUNTRY.

TWO PROGRESSIVES ON LIST

Republicans Ignored by President When He Chooses Men for Most Important Positions in His Power to Give Out.

Washington.—President Wilson has decided upon the men he will name for the federal trade commission. Joseph E. Davies, Wisconsin, Democrat.

E. N. Hurley, Chicago, Democrat.

William J. Harris, Georgia, Democrat.

George L. Record, New Jersey, Progressive.

William H. Parry, Seattle, Washington, Progressive.

Mr. Davies is the present commissioner of corporations and is slated for chairman of the board. His position was abolished by the bill creating the trade commission.

It was said here that Record and Parry were both Progressives in the last presidential campaign, and so far as is known neither has joined the Republicans. Their selection was commented on as indicating that President Wilson has decided to ignore the Republicans in patronage matters.

ROADS TO RAISE RATES

PASSENGER INCREASE TO BOOST REVENUE \$15,000,000.

Applies to All Interstate Fares West of Chicago to Rocky Mountains—Become Effective March 1.

Washington, D. C.—The railroads have a plan which will add another \$15,000,000 to their treasuries annually. Twenty-five companies, operating 60,000 miles of track west of Chicago, were ready to file new tariffs with the interstate commerce commission increasing their passenger rates from 2 cents to 2½ cents per mile.

The new interstate fares will become effective on March 1 and will be filed by the roads of the Western Passenger association territory at this time, so complaints against them may be investigated by the commission during the freight rate hearing which will start in Chicago on Feb. 15.

Similar advances have been made by the railroads in Central Freight association territory without any action by the board and the commission has advised increases in a former rate decision to the 2½-cent basis.

POLICE GET JOBS FOR IDLE

New York City.—The reports of policemen sent out to canvass for work for 10,000 unemployed men with families were received at police stations here. The patrolmen went from house to house in the residence districts and from store to store in business sections asking men to promise to pay 10 cents a week or more to unemployed men who would sweep sidewalks and do other odd jobs.

If enough subscribers are obtained so that the weekly revenue from the four streets surrounding one block amount to \$10, a jobless family man who lives in the neighborhood is assigned to the job. In this way one police inspector found 50 jobs and expects to have several more.

Cashier Still Missing.

Salem, Ill.—All the efforts to learn the whereabouts of James Forrest Bell, assistant cashier of the Salem National bank, since he boarded a westbound passenger train here Jan. 2, have failed. The bank officials say that his accounts with the bank are straight.

Auto Bandits Get \$40,000.

New York City.—Between \$40,000 and \$50,000 worth of diamonds were stolen from the pawnshop of Adolph Stern on the Upper East Side by four men who drove up to the store in an automobile, held up the three clerks with revolvers, bound and gagged them, threw the jewels into three suit cases and escaped in the waiting car.

Fears "Gallows," Ends Life.

Taylor, Mo.—The body of a well-dressed man who wore valuable jewelry was found on a farm near here. A note said he was Herman Huebner of Quincy, Ill., and that he had "committed a terrible crime," and explained that he had taken poison because he feared the gallows or life imprisonment.

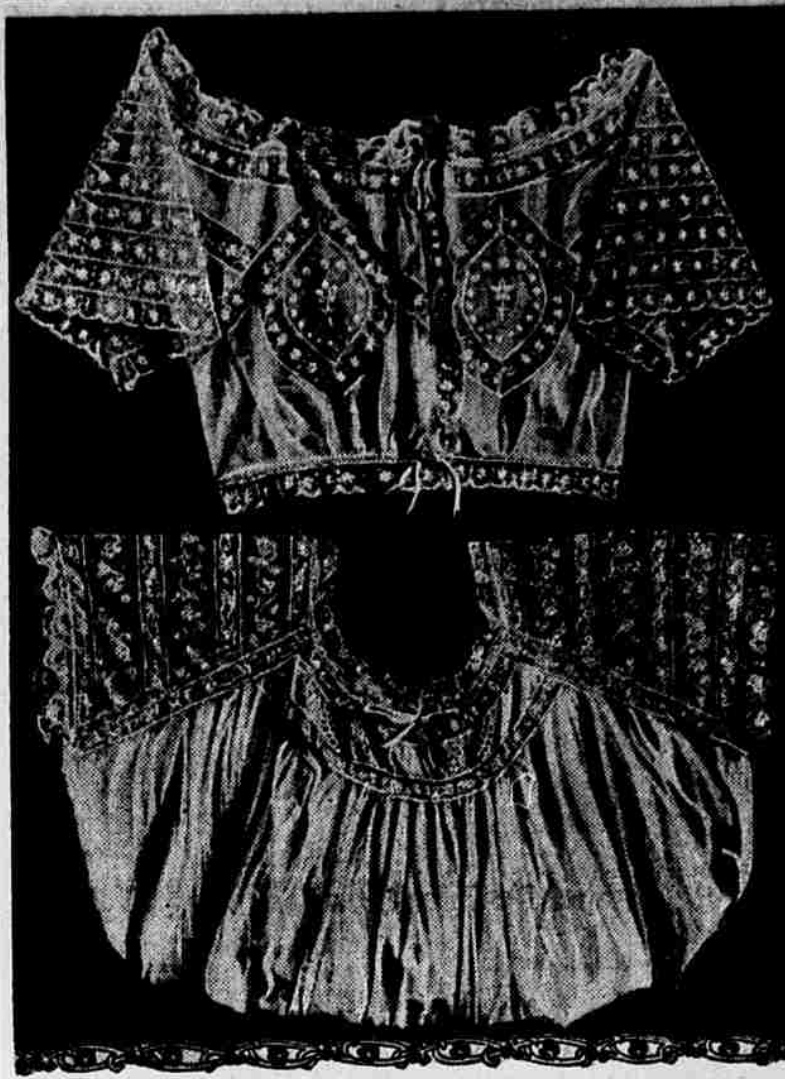
Memphis Now Really Dry.

Memphis, Tenn.—For the first time since Memphis became a city, it will be dry. Mayor Crump and Sheriff Riechman and all other officers connected with the city and county government closed every saloon, "tiger" and beer hall in the city.

Food Strike in Italy.

Florence, Italy.—Fifteen hundred members of the Labor Exchange met and decided upon a general strike as a protest against the increase in the price of food.

Lingerie for Spring and Summer



WHILE the winter evenings are long, and stormy days tempt one to the coziness of indoors, undermuslins for the coming spring and summer are made. They beguile the mind with thoughts of summer time and provide work that is not at all trying. The average needlewoman can make them as pretty to look at and a little more carefully finished than the ready-made garments, although there is not a great saving in cost.

Ready-made undermuslins may be bought in several grades, the price increasing according to the amount of handwork and the quality of the making in the garments. Very good materials are used in the moderately priced as well as the higher priced pieces. It is wonderful, in fact, how such good-looking things can be bought for such low prices. But the homemade garment has two points of superiority over the ready-made. More attention is given to details of finishing, and the individual taste of the wearer, in laces and embroidery, has a chance to make itself apparent.

Narrow valenciennes insertions and edgings, lace patterns in headings, and small dainty designs in embroidery,

are favored in all the new models in nightgowns, corset covers, combinations, chemises and drawers. Medallions of fine embroidery of lace, set into the material, are especially liked. And everywhere ribbons are used. The ribbonless undergarment is hardly to be found.

Two new nightdresses are shown in the picture, one of them with sleeves made of rows of valenciennes insertion stitched together. Sleeves of this kind are immensely popular, and the new corset covers are provided with them. The body of the gown is simply two widths of nainsook sewed together and shaped at the top to fit a shallow yoke and lace sleeves.

Nainsook is liked best of all the materials made for the new undermuslins. Heavier pieces are made of lonsdale cambric, and very fine ones of batiste. Fine cotton crepes, some of them figured, mercerized muller, crepe de chine and all-over embroidered figure in the body of many garments; the figured crepe and colored lawns are used for nightgowns and all-over embroidery for corset covers and brassieres.

Two Dressy Blouses of Airy Fabrics



A BLOUSE of white crepe de chine draped with wide shadow lace in a fine and novel pattern and having half-sleeves of lace, has proved itself to be one of the most useful and dependable articles for the wardrobe of any woman. The same design in light pink, light blue, or maize, is equally pretty.

The underblouse of crepe is plain, with front and back gathered along the shoulder seam, and sleeveless. The lace drapery is merely a short jacket lengthened at the side but not reaching to the waist line.

A modic collar of the lace is gathered at the back and supported by wires. It is extended down the front at each side of the blouse to the bottom.

The second blouse is designed to match a suit and is made of a dark-colored chiffon draped over an underwaist of lace and chiffon. It is made with a short yoke at the back and front and has long, fashionable mousquetaire sleeves.

A pretty lace chemisette with flaring collar is set in at the front, and lace cuffs finish the sleeves. As a last

finishing touch a cravat of narrow black velvet ribbon extends about the neck, terminating in a tiny flat bow, with double loops at the front. Similar bows adorn the sleeves above the lace cuffs.

There are many small brilliant buttons made for these dressy blouses. Although they are not featured as they are on coats and dresses they add a very effective and elegant touch in the finish of these very useful garments.

Many of the latest models in blouses are made with high military collars. These are not practical unless they are detachable, as collars become quickly soiled. But chemisettes with standing collars are made to be worn under the blouse, and this solves the difficulty for those who like the new high collar.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

A rubberized plaid cape with green and blue coloring and yellow cross stripes is the latest thing for motoring. The reverse side is of gray. A deep yoke and full hood, for head wear, make it ideal.

FRUIT LAXATIVE FOR SICK CHILD

"California Syrup of Figs" can't harm tender stomach, liver and bowels.

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs" that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without gripping.

When cross, irritable, feverish, or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue, mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. When its little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, indigestion, colic—remember, a good "inside cleaning" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Adv.

Some Hint.

"Hello, Blank! Where are you going in such a hurry?"

"To the post office to put up a kick about the wretched delivery service."

"What's the trouble?"

"Why, that check you promised to send me ten days ago hasn't reached me yet."

HAIR OR NO HAIR?

It is Certainly Up to You and Cuticura. Trial Free.

Hot shampoos with Cuticura Soap, followed by light dressings of Cuticura Ointment rubbed into the scalp skin tend to clear the scalp of dandruff, soothe itching and irritation and promote healthy hair-growing conditions. Nothing better, cleaner, purer.

Sample each free by mail with Book-Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. XY, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Here's a Tangle.

How easy it is to mix up the average business man was demonstrated the other day when the son of a local merchant leaned against his father's knee and innocently asked:

"Daddy, is today tomorrow?"

"No, my son, of course today isn't tomorrow," answered the father.

"But you said it was," continued the son.

"When did I ever say today was tomorrow?"

"Yesterday," answered the son.

"Well, it was; today was yesterday, yesterday was today yesterday but is yesterday today, and tomorrow will be today tomorrow, which makes today yesterday and tomorrow all at once. Now run along and play," and the father collapsed into his chair with a sigh of relief.—Louisville Times.

His Mistake.

"John," she said to her husband, who was grumbling over his breakfast "your love has grown cold."

"No, it hasn't," he snapped; "but my breakfast has."

"That's just it! If your love hadn't grown cold you wouldn't have noticed that your breakfast had." — Stray Stories.

What a lovely collection of pessimists we would be if we could see ourselves as others see us!

OUR NATIONAL DISEASE Caused by Coffee.

Physicians know that drugs will not correct the evils caused by coffee and that the only remedy is to stop drinking it.

An Arkansas doctor says: "I was a coffee drinker for many years and often thought that I could not do without it, but after years of suffering with our national malady, dyspepsia, I attributed it to the drinking of coffee, and after some thought, determined to use Postum for my morning drink."

"I had the Postum made carefully according to directions on the pkg. and found it just suited my taste."

"At first I used it only for breakfast, but I found myself getting so much better, that I had it at all meals, and I am pleased to say that I have been relieved of indigestion. I gained 19 pounds in 4 months and my general health is greatly improved."

"I must tell you of a young lady in Illinois. She had been in ill health for many years, the vital forces low, with but little pain. I wrote her of the good that Postum did me and advised her to try it."

"At the end of the year, she wrote me that she had gained 40 pounds in weight and felt like herself again."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Postum comes in two forms: Regular Postum—must be well boiled. 15c and 25c packages.

Instant Postum—is a soluble powder. A teaspoonful dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. 30c and 50c tins.

The cost per cup of both kinds is about the same.

"There's a Reason" for Postum.—sold by Grocers.